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Comments period for Coronado National Forest Draft Land Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement extended through March 6

TUCSON, AZ (February 18, 2014) – The public comment period for the Coronado National Forest Draft Land Management Plan and Draft Environmental Impact Statement will be extended through March 6, 2014.

This extension is not part of the Rosemont Copper Project objection process and does not affect that process.

The Coronado National Forest has developed a proposed land management plan and a programmatic Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for public review and comment. The final land management plan will replace the current plan, written in 1986, and provide guidance for managing 1,783,639 acres of National Forest System lands for the next 10 to 15 years.

The proposed plan is based on best available science and years of collaboration with the public, tribes, other federal agencies, and state and local governments. The DEIS evaluates four alternatives, including the proposed plan and the current plan, and discloses the environmental consequences that could occur under each alternative. Comments received on the proposed plan and DEIS will inform the decision on the final land management plan that is expected in 2014.

The proposed plan, programmatic draft environmental impact statement and plan set of documents can be found at the following web address:

http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/coronado/landmanagement/planning/?cid=fswdev7_018673 .

The public is encouraged to participate throughout the plan revision process. Stakeholder involvement and input will help to develop effective and sustainable forest guidance for the next decade and beyond.

The 90-day public review period began on November 23, 2013, the day after publication of a Notice of Availability of the DEIS in the Federal Register by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. It has been extended an additional 14 days ending on March 6, 2014. Interested parties may submit comments to the following:

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For more information regarding the developments of the proposed land management plan and DEIS please contact Yolynda Begay at yolyndabegay@fs.fed.us or (520) 388-8370.

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